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(57) Abstract: The present invention refers to an anhydrous pharmaceutical composition of vancomycin, in the form of the free base or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for topical use.

ANHYDROUS PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION OF VANCOMYCIN FOR TOPICAL USE

The present invention refers to anhydrous pharmaceutical compositions of vancomycin for topical use.

Vancomycin is a glycopeptide antibiotic having a broad spectrum of antimicrobal activity, principally active against gram-positive bacteria. It inhibits the synthesis of the cell wall in sensitive bacteria by forming complexes with the mucopeptide precursors of this cell structure.

Vancomycin hydrochloride is a white powder, water soluble at concentration higher than 100 mg/ml and it is generally administered intravenously, more rarely orally.

The pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention for topical use are useful for the treatment of dermal infections and furthermore they have the advantage of being very stable.

The anhydrous pharmaceutical compositions for topical use of the present invention comprise:

a) vancomycin,
b) one or more glycols and/or the ethers thereof,
c) one or more fatty acid triglycerides and /or the polyoxyethylene derivatives thereof,
d) a gelling agent.

Vancomycin is present either in the form of the free base or of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in particular as hydrochloride.

The glycols and/or the ethers thereof may preferably be ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, diethylene glycol monomethyl ether, diethylene glycol monoethyl ether.

The fatty acid triglicerides and /or the polyoxyethylene derivative thereof are preferably chosen in the group consisting of $C_8, C_{10}, C_{12}, C_{14}, C_{16}, C_{18}, C_{20}$ fatty acid triglicerides and the polyoxyethylene derivatives thereof wherein the

polyoxyethylene has preferably a molecular weight from 200 to 10,000. Labrasol (polyethylene glycol C_{8-10} glycerides) is particularly preferred.

The gelling agent preferably is a cellulose ester or ether, a polymer or copolymer of the acrylic or methacrylic acid, a polymer or copolymer of an acrylic or methacrylic acid ester, xanthan gum, carrageenin.

Vancomycin or a salt thereof is present in an amount varying from 0.01 to 25% by weight of the total composition.

The other ingredients are present in an amount varying from 0.01 to 99% by weight of the total composition.

The component b) preferably is present in an amount varying from 0.1 to 99% by weight of the total composition.

The component c) preferably is present in an amount varying from 0.01 to 30 % by weight of the total composition.

The component d) preferably is present in an amount varying from 0.01 to 15% by weight of the total composition.

Furthermore, the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention may contain a surfactant which may be non-ionic, anionic or cationic.

Preferred cationic surfactants are the quaternary ammonium salts.

A preferred anionic surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate.

A preferred non-ionic surfactant is polyoxyethylene stearyl ether.

Furthermore, the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention may contain an emulsifying agent.

The pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention may be prepared by the usual methods known to a person skilled in the art.

EXAMPLE

Cream for topical use

VANCOMYCIN (free base)	1.0 g
TRANSCUTOL	30.0 g
(diethylene glycol monomethyl ether)	
PROPYLENE GLYCOL	60.0 g
LABRASOL	5.5 g
(polyethylene glycol C_{8-10} glicerides)	
CARBOPOL	3.5 g
(acrylic acid copolymer)	

The above reported amounts of Transcutol, Labrasol and propylene glycol were placed in a suitable tank. The above reported amount of carbopol was added to the mixture, which was then solubilized and homogenized in a turbomixer. The thus formed gel was cooled to 30°C and vancomycin was added thereto. Vancomycin was solubilized with the aid of a turbomixer while maintaining the temperature at 35-40°C.
Plastic tubes were filled with the so obtained homogeneous gel up to a weight of 10 to 20g.

CLAIMS

1) An anhydrous pharmaceutical composition of vancomycin, in the form of the free base or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for topical use.
2) An anhydrous pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 comprising:
   a) vancomycin, in the form of the free base or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
   b) one or more glycols and/or the ethers thereof,
   c) one or more fatty acid triglicerides and /or the polyoxyethylene derivatives thereof, and
   d) a gelling agent.
3) An anhydrous pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein vancomycin is in the form of hydrochloride.
4) An anhydrous pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 to 3, wherein vancomycin is present in an amount varying from 0.01 to 25 % by weight of the total composition.
5) An anhydrous pharmaceutical composition according to claims 2 to 4, wherein the component b) is present in an amount varying from 0.1 to 99 % by weight of the total composition.
6) An anhydrous pharmaceutical composition according to claims 2 to 5, wherein the component c) is present in an amount varying from 0.01 to 30 % by weight of the total composition.
7) An anhydrous pharmaceutical composition according to claims 2 to 6, wherein the component d) is present in an amount varying from 0.01 to 15 % by weight of the total composition.

8) An anhydrous pharmaceutical composition according to claims 2 to 7, wherein the glycols and/or the ethers thereof are chosen in the group consisting of ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, diethylene glycol monomethyl ether, diethylene glycol monoethyl ether.

9) An anhydrous pharmaceutical composition according to claims 2 to 8, wherein the fatty acid triglicerides and /or their polyoxyethylene derivatives, are chosen in the group consisting of C_{8-20} fatty acid triglicerides and the polyoxyethylene derivatives thereof wherein the polyoxyethylene has preferably a molecular weight from 200 to 10,000.

10) An anhydrous pharmaceutical composition according to claims 2 to 9, wherein the gelling agent is chosen in the group consisting of cellulose esters or ethers, polymers or copolymers of the acrylic or methacrylic acid, polymers or copolymers of acrylic or methacrylic acid esters, xathan gum, carrageenin.

11) An anhydrous pharmaceutical composition according to claims 2 to 10, furthermore comprising a surfactant.

12) An anhydrous pharmaceutical composition according to claims claims 2 to 11, furthermore comprising an emulsifying agent.

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